

Birmingham Joyceton Polled Shorthorns

*The Most Scientific Breeding Program
On The North American Continent*

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In August 1947 we decided that the future success of the Shorthorn breed might well depend on the development of the polled side of the breed. This conclusion was arrived at after receiving advice from sound sources including that of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

We felt from the start that the Polled Shorthorns we would develop could be no better than the horned Shorthorns from which they sprung. This was apparent from a comparison of the polled and horned Shorthorns in the United States. In 1946, the Federal Department of Agriculture had had that situation surveyed by two very capable cattle judges. These men found that in general the horned side of the breed was in most cases superior to the polled.

We decided to use a popular Shorthorn strain — that springing from Millhills Ransom. We spared no expense in purchasing fourteen Ransom bred females. These came from the herds of Scotsdale, Briardale, Glenburn, Beathton, and the Murphy herd at Orillia. We then went to Lynnwood Farm at Carmel, Indiana, for our polled stock. We were fortunate through them in obtaining the great polled shorthorn bull **FASCINATOR STANDARD**. At Lynnwood great interest was shown in what we were attempting to do to improve Polled Shorthorns. They intimated then and there that they would be interested in a polled bull of Ransom breeding.

Taking this into consideration, we decided that if a great institution such as Lynnwood could be impressed with good Canadian Shorthorn blood then the world would come to our door if we could obtain the best Shorthorn blood of Scotland.

In January 1948 we went to Scotland. At that time all of the top breeders, with one exception, were absolutely opposed to Polled Shorthorns, in fact a hornless Shorthorn could not be registered in Scotland. The one exception was that far seeing man the late Duncan M. Stewart who owned the famous Millhills Herd.

The cattle we wanted were not for sale but through a special set of circumstances we were successful in making what was readily admitted to be the greatest importation of Shorthorns that had ever left Scotland. When the late Mr. Duncan Stewart learned of our plans, he searched his pedigrees and let us have cattle that were in no sense for sale when we arrived at his place.

Among the females we purchased from Millhills was **MILLHILLS SECRET 10TH**. This grand cow left her mark in the polled field as well as in the great Louada Herd when she was sold in our 1953 sale. Another was **MILLHILLS BEAUTY 3RD**. A daughter of hers distinguished herself in the Louada Herd and another in the herd of the late George Lasby. Still another was **MILLHILLS BROADHOOKS 18th**. Her first calf went to Lynnwood as a herd sire.



An example of the type of females we imported, Millhills Secret 10th and Millhills Luxury 6th - a full sister of Hillhills Champion.

Having settled on Millhills blood lines, we went to Calrossie where they were using Millhills Champion as a Herd Sire. There again we were fortunate in being in a position to do a favour for the late Captain John MacGillivray. As a result, we were able to get the first females of the famous **ALPHA RAMSDEN** and **FLOSSY ROMA** families ever to have left Calrossie for breeding purposes.

Needless to state, these Calrossie females left their mark on Canadian shorthorns, both horned and polled. The Joyceton and Birmingham herds have outstanding polled female descendants of the **ALPHA RAMSDEN** and **FLOSSY ROMA** families and the great breeding bull **BIRMINGHAM CONTROL** came from the **ALPHA RAMSDEN** family.

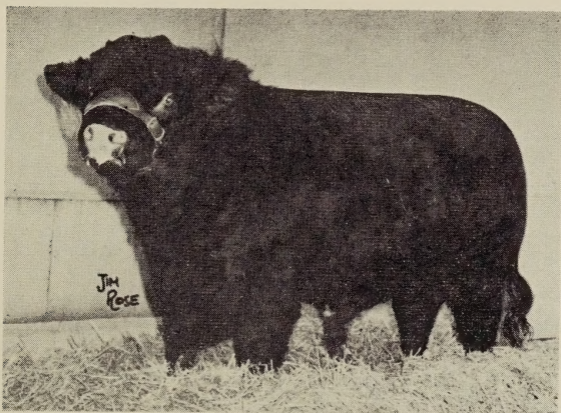


Birmingham Control who did an excellent job in the Lasbynnturn Herd owned by the late George Lasby.

It is difficult to over emphasize the importance of great families. In our 1956 sale Mr. W. C. Gardiner purchased Birmingham Flossy Roma 3rd for \$1,300. Mr. Otto H. Grosse obtained her when he purchased Mr. Gardiner's herd. In the Northwood Sale in 1961 three of her progeny sold for \$5600. He still has Birmingham Flossy Roma 3rd and several of her descendants.

The wisdom of obtaining the best blood of Scotland soon asserted itself. In 1950 Dalgety and Company of New Zealand searched us out having heard of the cattle we imported. They purchased from us by correspondence two polled bulls, the first Polled Shorthorns to be used in New Zealand. One of these bulls was from **CALROSSIE ALPHA RAMSDEN**, the other from **MILLHILLS SECRET 10TH**. So well did these bulls do that we have had many repeat orders from New Zealand. While that market is now closed for the time being to cattle from North America, we are reliably informed that the Polled Shorthorn movement started by our bulls in 1950 is spreading rapidly in that country.

Polled Shorthorns had a much earlier start in Australia. In 1955 the Government of New South Wales made an exhaustive search in the United States and Canada for a Polled Shorthorn herd sire to head up that Government's Polled Shorthorn project. In the end they selected **BIRMINGHAM NUGGET 3RDx**. Unfortunately they lost this bull after one crop of calves. However, we had the satisfaction of receiving a letter from Mr. W. J. B. Murphy, head of Animal Husbandry, in which he stated that this bull's calves were the best Polled Shorthorn calves in Australia.



Birmingham Nugget 3rdx

While following a definite program of increasing the best blood of Scotch Shorthorns in the polled type, we felt it important that we maintain a strong line of horned Shorthorns. This we believe we did.

In the 1955 Sale of the Stars, Birmingham Orbit 2nd was the top selling bull at \$3000. to McIvor Bros., Manitoba. This price was significant in that it was \$250.00 more than the total sale price of the rest of the bulls in the sale.

In 1956 it became apparent to some shorthorn breeders in Scotland that Polled Shorthorns had a great future. They could see that they had already lost a good portion of some

foreign markets. The first of the great herds of Scotland to make the move to Polled Shorthorns was the Bapton Herd. Their Manager, Mr. Gordon Blackstock, visited us and did us the honour of buying from us the first polled female of Scottish blood to go back to Scotland. This female was **BIRMINGHAM SECRET 2ND**, a daughter of **MILLHILLS SECRET 10TH**.



Millhills Secret 10th and her daughter.

Since Bapton started a Polled Shorthorn herd probably the strongest proof that Polled Shorthorns are the breed of the future was evidenced by Calrossie starting a polled herd, Calrossie under the late Captain John MacGillivray was probably the greatest breeding situation in Shorthorn history.

It should be apparent to anyone breeding cattle that time is a definite factor in producing an animal of a given type. In this connection we would like to point out that by the year 1956 that Scotland started in Polled Shorthorns we had produced and had in service **BIRMINGHAM DAUNTLESS 2NDx**.



Birmingham Dauntless 2ndx - Pedigree on following page.

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IMPORTANT SHORTHORN EVENT --- at HAYS SALES ARENA, Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

MONDAY, October 22nd, 1962 --- 1:00 p.m. (EDST)

Dear Shorthorn Breeder:

We are pleased to enclose, herewith, a brochure on the Birmingham Joyceton Polled Shorthorns, which we have been chosen to disperse here on Monday, October 22nd, at 1:00 p.m.

These are the herds of Mr. Benjamin W. Franklin, Joyceville, Ontario, and Hon. G. Peter Campbell, Toronto, Ontario. The offering consists of 63 head, with 22 mature cows, 15 calves at foot, 23 heifers and 3 young bulls, consisting of the best Polled and Horned pedigrees in America.

The herds are Fully Accredited for T.B. and from a Brucellosis Certified Area, eligible for immediate export. This is a solid red herd of outstanding type with only grass fit on them. This is the way they will sell.

Immediately following the Birmingham Joyceton Dispersal, we are dispersing the WYNDSTONE SHORTHORNS (Horned) owned by Mr. L. C. Scott, Markham, Ontario. The Wyndstone herd was established in 1944 when Mr. Scott purchased the Russell and Dean herd. Added to this were several imports from Scotland. Consequently, most of the animals selling are sons and daughters of cattle imported direct from Scotland. Proposed sale of the farm is the reason for dispersing the herd. The offering consists of 38 head, including three bulls: EASTERLOVAT LADDIE, Red, Born, February 8, 1956, bred by J. H. Fraser, Beaulieu, Inverness-shire, Scotland; WYNDSTONE DRUMBEAT, Red, Born July 15, 1959, bred by L. C. Scott; and WYNDSTONE CHARLOCK, Red, Born July 4, 1960, bred by L. C. Scott. Majority of the young stock is sired by Easterlovat Laddie and majority of the cows carry his service. Balance of the herd includes bred cows, most of them with calves at foot, heifer calves, bred heifers and young heifer calves.

Plan now to attend this triple Shorthorn Event: a rare opportunity to purchase the best of the breed. The sale starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. Monday, October 22nd, (Eastern Daylight Saving Time). The location is Hays Sales Arena -- No. 5 Highway, 3 miles north of Queen Elizabeth Highway at Oakville, Ontario --- "Right Next Door to Everything". Overnight by train from Montreal, Chicago, New York; 75 miles from Buffalo; 206 miles from Detroit. We meet trains and planes.

The American dollar buys 7% more at present exchange. Sale Managers arrange all health charts and export papers, making it as easy to purchase in Canada as from your neighbour.

Lunch will be available, served by the church ladies.

We look forward to seeing you at the sale. For further information, write or telephone us.

HAYS FARMS LIMITED, Sale Managers.



Thos. E. Hays, President

October 10, 1962.

Reference Sire D

BIRMINGHAM DAUNTLESS 2nd x — 356223 —

Tattoo NWV J52 rt. ear

Red, born October 5, 1954. Bred by Benjamin W. Franklin, Kingston, Ont.

Cruggleton Banker
Red, Boots Pure Drug Co. Ltd.
SIRE
Birmingham Dauntless x
Red, B. W. Franklin

{ Cruggleton Account
Red, A. J. Marshall
Westdrums Rosebud (imp)
Red rn, Boots Pure Drug Co.
Ltd.

Birmingham Millhills Buttercup x
Roan, B. W. Franklin

{ Fascinator Standard x
Roan, Lynnwood Farm
Scottish Buttercup 48th (imp)
Dark roan, D. M. Stewart

Birmingham Scotston Wanderer x
Red, B. W. Franklin

DAM
Birmingham Cherryripe 2nd x
Roan, B. W. Franklin

{ Fascinator Standard x
Roan, Lynnwood Farm
Scotston Brodhks. Roseanna
(imp)
Red, W. B. & A. D.
Robertson

Scotston Cherryripe 2nd
Dark roan, W. B. & A. D. Robertson

{ Glastullich Leveldale
Red roan, W. MacGillivray
Scotston Cherryripe (imp)
Red, W. B. & A. D.
Robertson

An examination of this pedigree will show that of the eight great-grand-parents six were bred in Scotland. The other two crosses are of famous **FASCINATOR STANDARD** who contributed the polled factor. **BIRMINGHAM DAUNTLESS 2NDx** left his mark on our herds before he was sold to Mr. Dave Kilgour of New Zealand in 1957. This made the third Herd Sire Mr. Kilgour had purchased from us in seven years.

Once started on this program, we found it necessary to raise our own Herd Sires in order to have polled bulls with the highest possible content of Scotch Blood. However in 1959 we decided to work in an outcross.

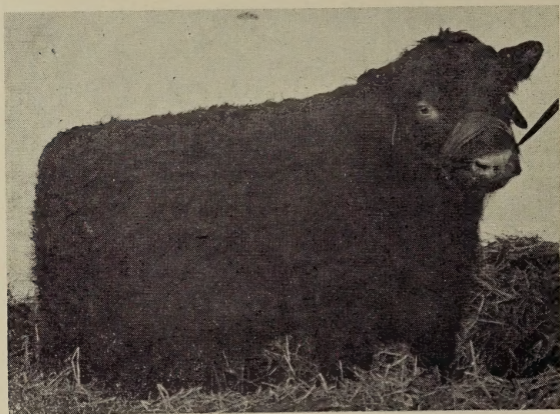
Over the years we have had the fullest co-operation of that great breeding establishment Lynnwood Farm. The late Mr. Charles Lynn spared no expense in obtaining the best horned females to help improve their polled cattle. In November, 1959, at their all Bull sale we purchased **LYNNWOOD PREMIER**. He sold for \$8,000. the highest selling polled bull at auction since 1952.



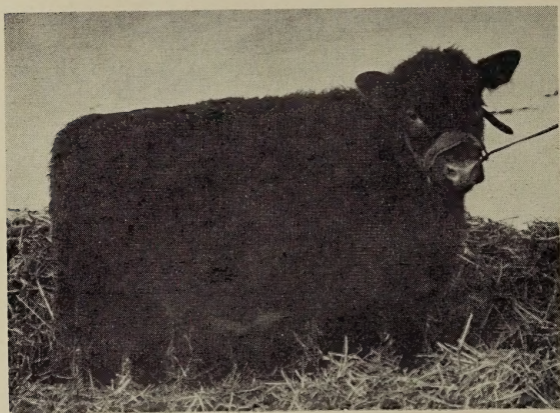
Lynnwood Premier.

Aside from the great individual that **LYNNWOOD PREMIER** is, there were other factors that influenced us in his purchase. We hoped that he would be a 100% dehorner. (This he has proved to be). This despite the fact his maternal grand dam is imported from Scotland. Mr. Charles H. Nickel described her as the best imported female at Lynnwood.

LYNNWOOD PREMIER is doing an outstanding job here. His Calves from our famous families please us very much. We shall be pleased to show them to anyone who would care to see the Birmingham Joyceton Herds.



Joyceton Premier x - Our junior herd sire



Birmingham Flossy Roma 11th x

Benjamin W. Franklin,
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Owner Birmingham Herd.

Senator G. Peter Campbell,
16th Floor Star Building,
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Toronto, Ontario.
Owner Joyceton Herd.